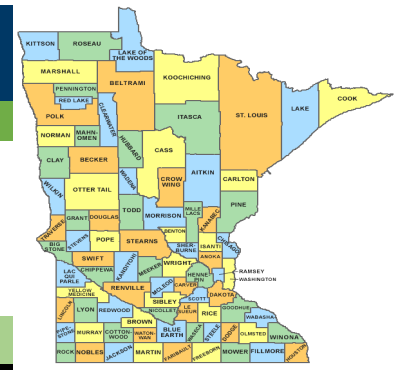


COUNTY PROFILE

# Lac Qui Parle Co.

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

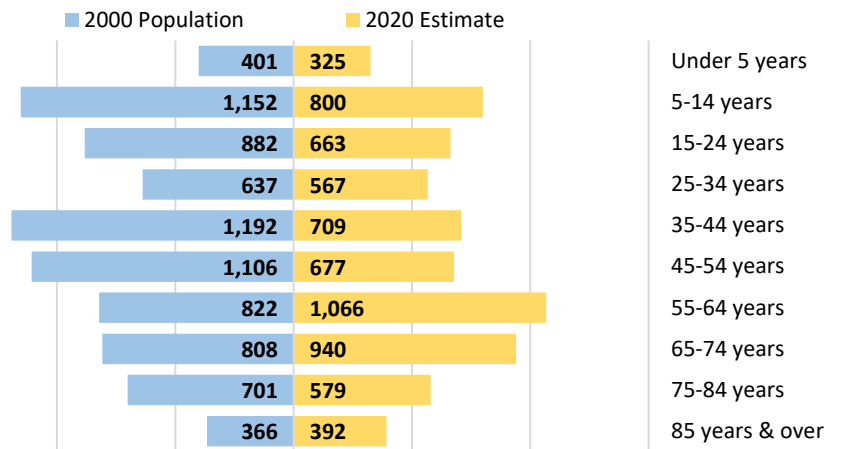
Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population decreased this decade, ranking as the 84th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 76th largest in the state. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	<b>6,719 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>49.4 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2020	-540 people -7.4% decline	state:	38.3 years

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	325	4.8%
5-14 years	800	11.9%
15-24 years	663	9.9%
25-34 years	567	8.4%
35-44 years	709	10.6%
45-54 years	677	10.1%
55-64 years	1,066	15.9%
65-74 years	940	14.0%
75-84 years	579	8.6%
85 years & over	392	5.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2020



Lac Qui Parle Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Lac Qui Parle Co. welcomed net international immigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Lac Qui Parle Co.	-635	-231	596	827	-411	40	-451
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253

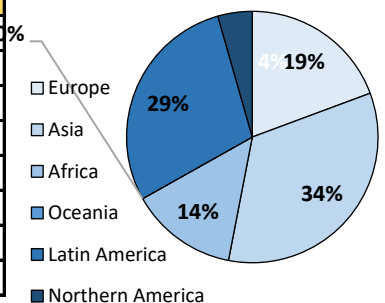
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Lac Qui Parle Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2019, Lac Qui Parle Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Change 2010-2019		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>94.6%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>
Europe	35	19.3%	12	52.2%	9.9%	4.5%
Asia	61	33.7%	35	134.6%	37.5%	30.3%
Africa	25	13.8%	10	66.7%	25.5%	72.0%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.5%	37.2%
Americas:	60	33.1%	31	106.9%	26.6%	10.0%
Latin America	52	28.7%	40	333.3%	24.1%	12.2%
Northern America	8	4.4%	-9	-52.9%	2.5%	-7.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2019



## COUNTY PROFILE

Lac Qui Parle Co.

Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

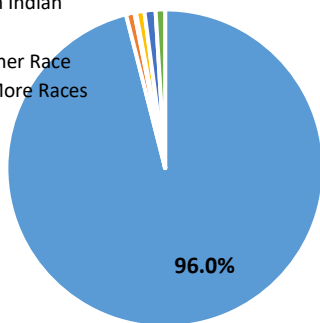


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Lac Qui Parle Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,719</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-16.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13.1%</b>
White	6,452	96.0%	-19.1%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	58	0.9%	346.2%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	11	0.2%	-38.9%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	57	0.8%	119.2%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	76	1.1%	1420.0%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	65	1.0%	109.7%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	152	2.3%	623.8%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

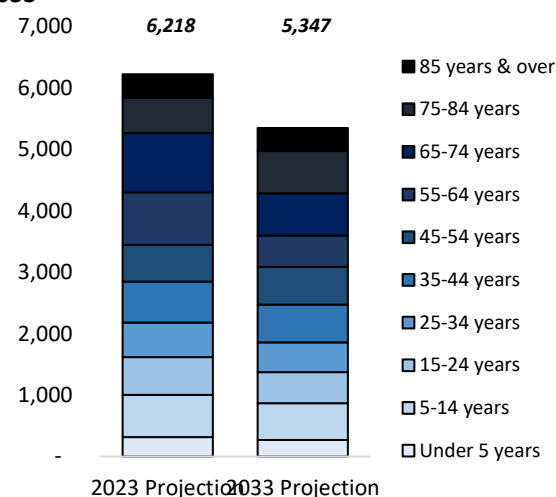
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033**

Lac Qui Parle Co.	2023 Projection	2033 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	314	269	-45	-14.3%
5-14 years	688	600	-88	-12.8%
15-24 years	617	506	-111	-18.0%
25-34 years	563	483	-80	-14.2%
35-44 years	665	613	-52	-7.8%
45-54 years	600	613	13	2.2%
55-64 years	854	514	-340	-39.8%
65-74 years	962	683	-279	-29.0%
75-84 years	575	690	115	20.0%
85 years & over	380	376	-4	-1.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,218</b>	<b>5,347</b>	<b>-871</b>	<b>-14.0%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Lac Qui Parle Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Lac Qui Parle Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

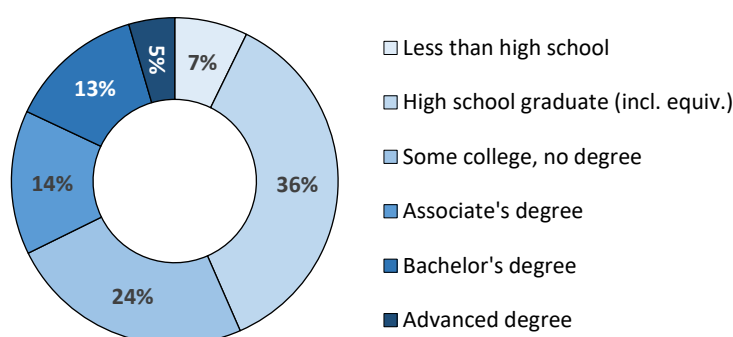
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

**92.8%**

College-educated: **56.6%**  
state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: **14.3%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **13.5%**  
Advanced Degree: **4.5%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.4%, Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Lac Qui Parle Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.9% in 2019, but was lower than the 6.7% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Lac Qui Parle Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.

**3,568** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2005-2020

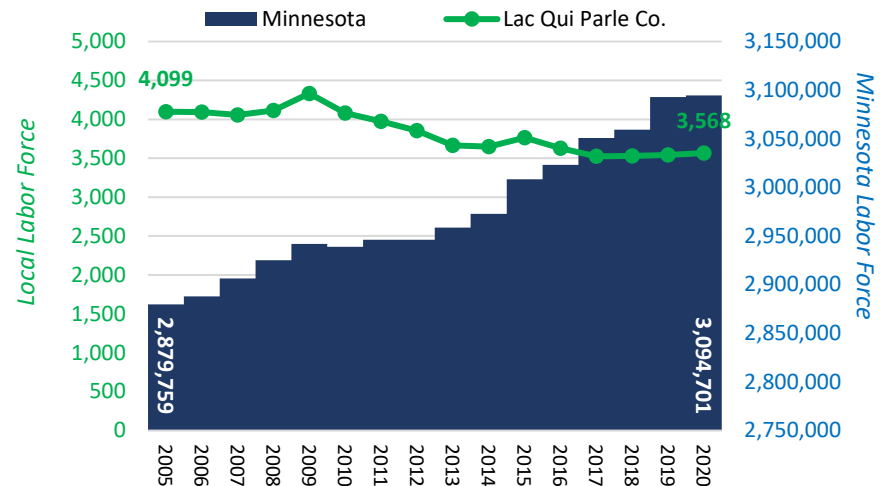
-531 workers  
-13.0% decline

**4.4%** unemployment rate

6.2% state

**157** unemployed workers

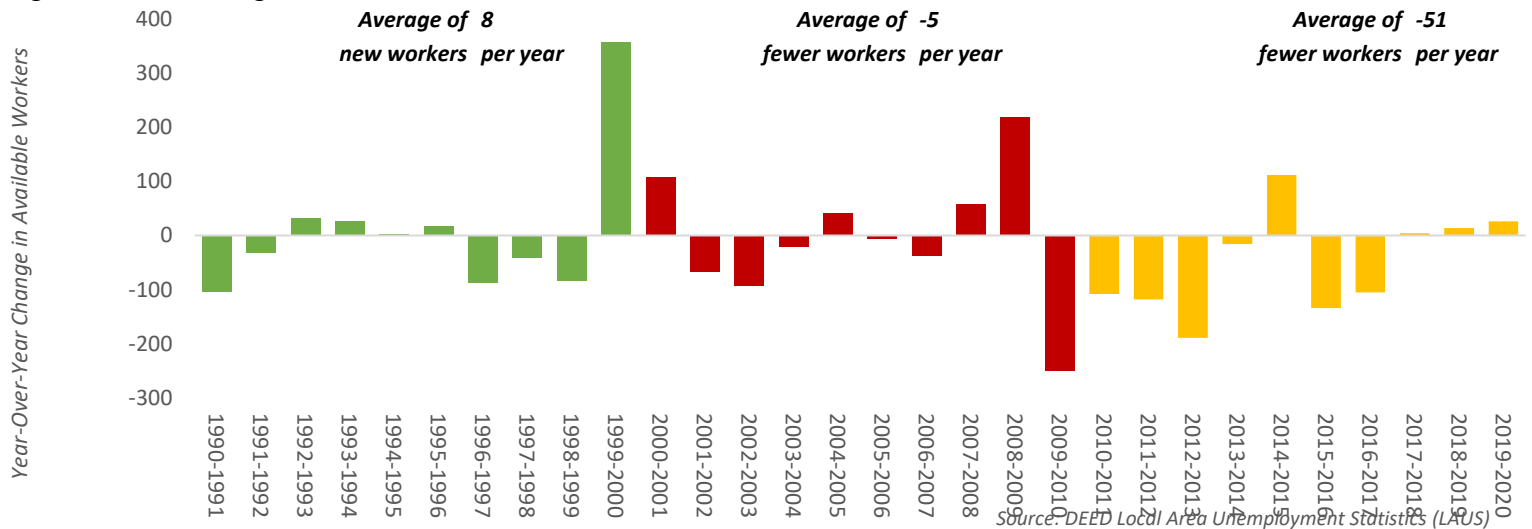
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 8.3 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Lac Qui Parle Co. averaged an annual loss of -5 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -51.4 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Lac Qui Parle Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2020



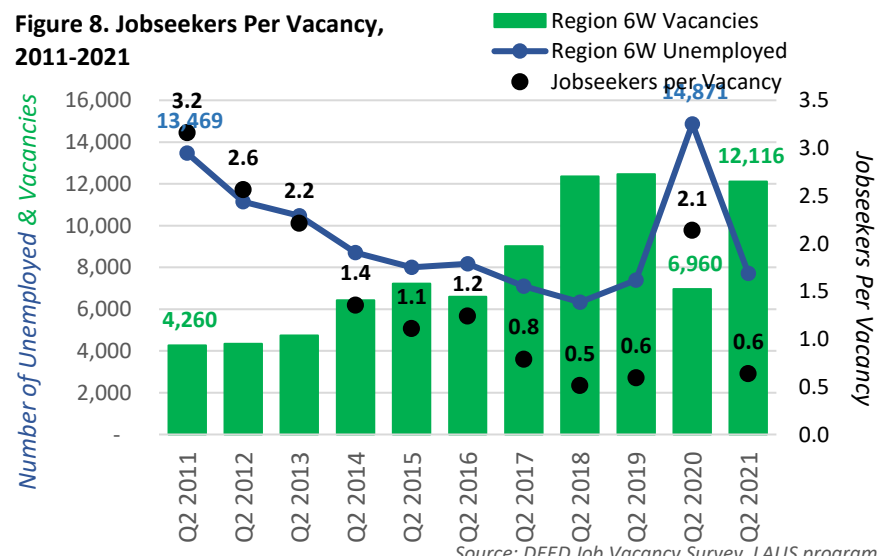
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2023-2033	Labor Force Projection	
	2023	2033
16 to 24 years	379	316
25 to 54 years	1,597	1,491
55 to 64 years	671	404
65 years & over	353	284
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>3,001</b>	<b>2,495</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, by the second quarter of 2021, job vacancies in Southwest reached new highs, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2011-2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

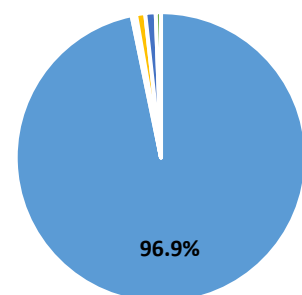
## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Lac Qui Parle Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2019

	Lac Qui Parle Co.			Minnesota		Lac Qui Parle Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>1,586</b>
16 to 19 years	162	50.6%	11.1%	53.2%	11.0%	87	75
20 to 24 years	285	90.2%	0.7%	84.6%	6.0%	154	131
25 to 44 years	1,081	88.7%	3.1%	88.8%	3.2%	581	500
45 to 54 years	678	84.6%	1.5%	87.6%	2.7%	376	302
55 to 64 years	913	78.6%	1.9%	73.0%	2.8%	484	429
65 to 74 years	241	28.4%	1.2%	27.9%	2.2%	139	102
75 years & over	79	8.4%	0.0%	6.6%	2.4%	32	47
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	3,329	61.6%	2.3%	69.3%	3.0%		
Black or African American	10	19.2%	0.0%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	7	63.6%	0.0%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	35	63.6%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	40	90.9%	10.0%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	20	48.8%	10.0%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	80	82.5%	7.5%	76.5%	6.1%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	189	50.7%	3.2%	53.0%	8.6%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,672	84.0%	2.2%	84.5%	3.0%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	110	64.7%	2.6%	66.3%	4.2%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	734	79.1%	1.9%	78.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,212	86.6%	1.9%	85.3%	3.0%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	617	90.2%	1.0%	90.0%	1.7%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2019



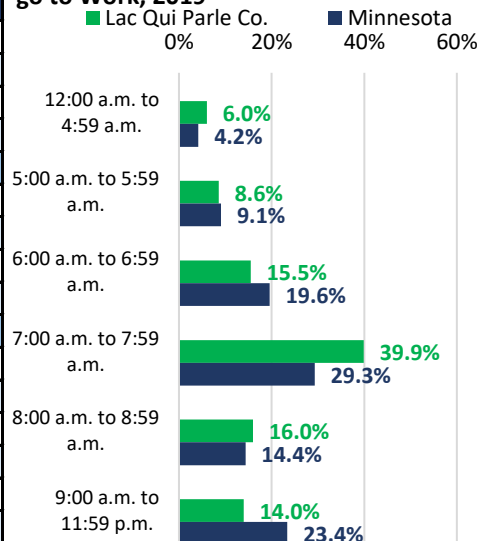
- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Lac Qui Parle Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	3,148	95.1%	2,837,697	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	2,380	71.9%	1,846,247	63.5%
Worked out of county of residence	768	23.2%	991,449	34.1%
Worked outside state of residence	162	4.9%	69,779	2.4%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	2,780	84.0%	2,506,244	86.2%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	7	0.2%	101,762	3.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	218	6.6%	125,021	4.3%
Worked at home	305	9.2%	171,541	5.9%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,374	41.5%	456,474	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	821	24.8%	872,243	30.0%
20 to 29 minutes	437	13.2%	645,460	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	387	11.7%	575,680	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	103	3.1%	194,801	6.7%
60 or more minutes	192	5.8%	162,819	5.6%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>17.5 minutes</b>		<b>23.7 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2019



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 74th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income

\$53,071

state

\$71,306

Median Family Income

\$68,325

state

\$89,842

Per Capita Income

\$32,437

state

\$37,625

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2019

Less than \$25,000

\$25,000-\$49,999

\$50,000-\$74,999

\$75,000-\$99,999

\$100,00-\$149,999

\$150,000 or more

Lac Qui Parle Co.

20.7%

25.5%

20.6%

13.9%

12.6%

6.7%

Minnesota

15.3%

19.5%

17.6%

14.2%

17.8%

15.6%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Lac Qui Parle Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.23 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.59 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$27,519	\$13.23	\$0	\$366	\$163	\$548	\$664	\$250	\$302
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$45,533	\$14.59	\$216	\$835	\$519	\$723	\$768	\$427	\$306
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 85th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2019

	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	2,501	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	637	25.5%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	733	29.3%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	373	14.9%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	314	12.6%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	272	10.9%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	118	4.7%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	54	2.2%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$88,600		\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

\$968

state

\$1,580

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

21.5%

state

21.8%

Median monthly rent costs

\$541

state

\$977

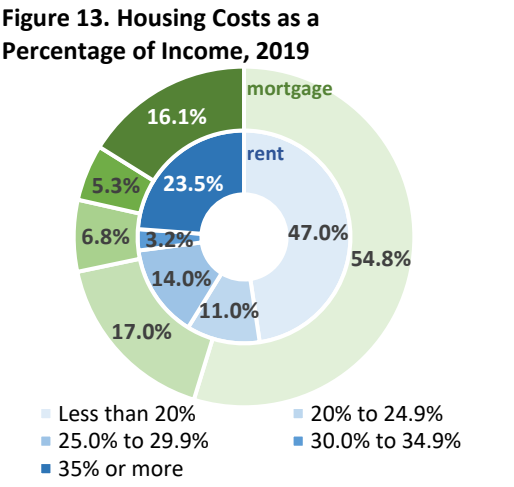
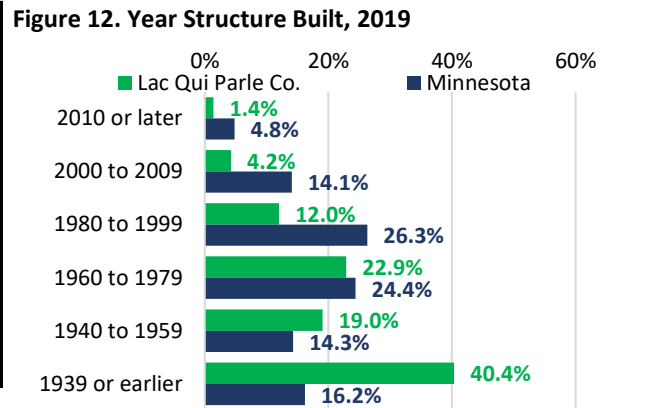
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

26.7%

state

45.1%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates





## OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.11 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 10th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$35.96) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.57) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment &amp; Wage Statistics, 2021

Occupational Group	Region 6W				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$19.11</b>	<b>15,520</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$23.00</b>	<b>2,708,760</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$35.96	830	5.3%	0.9	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	\$26.88	460	3.0%	0.4	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%
Computer & Mathematical	\$28.28	50	0.3%	0.1	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%
Architecture & Engineering	\$33.59	130	0.8%	0.4	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$23.15	110	0.7%	0.7	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$23.91	240	1.5%	0.8	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%
Legal	\$29.41	30	0.2%	0.3	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$19.24	1,280	8.2%	1.4	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.13	70	0.5%	0.3	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$32.63	880	5.7%	0.8	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%
Healthcare Support	\$15.83	850	5.5%	0.9	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%
Protective Service	\$23.18	240	1.5%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.57	1,500	9.7%	1.3	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.54	620	4.0%	1.5	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$12.96	300	1.9%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%
Sales & Related	\$17.33	830	5.3%	0.6	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%
Office & Administrative Support	\$18.74	2,080	13.4%	1.1	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$18.74	90	0.6%	3.7	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$21.80	910	5.9%	1.6	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$22.03	660	4.3%	1.2	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%
Production	\$19.44	2,100	13.5%	1.8	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$17.35	1,240	8.0%	1.0	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

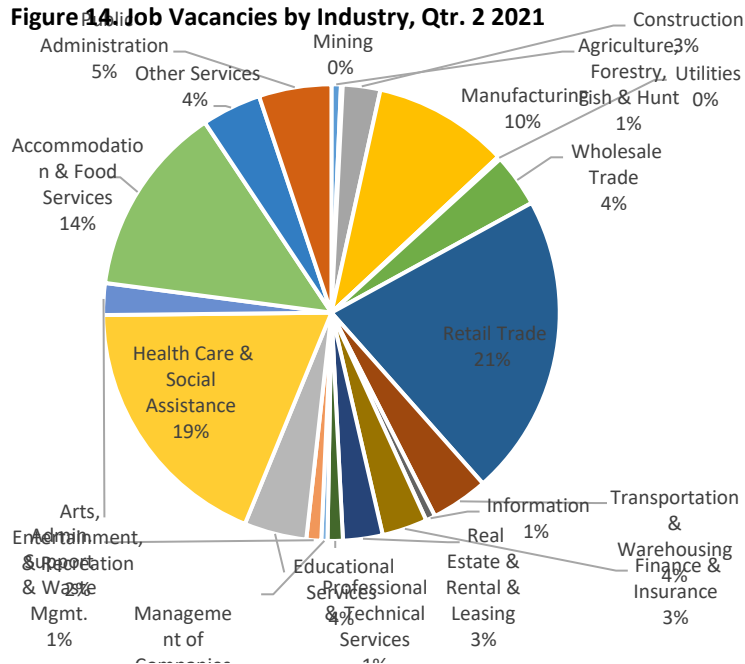
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 12116 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2021

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>12,116</b>	<b>\$15.03</b>
Management	238	\$32.97
Business & Financial Operations	406	\$33.55
Computer & Mathematical	48	\$25.16
Architecture & Engineering	86	\$24.09
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	14	\$21.00
Community & Social Service	111	\$21.79
Education, Training & Library	257	\$23.51
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,050	\$24.77
Healthcare Support	1,618	\$13.52
Protective Service	141	\$13.79
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,080	\$11.90
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	328	\$14.86
Personal Care & Service	246	\$19.15
Sales & Related	1,549	\$13.27
Office & Administrative Support	637	\$13.43
Construction & Extraction	142	\$21.47
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	531	\$18.92
Production	843	\$15.59
Transportation & Material Moving	1,316	\$17.09

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 2 2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2021

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2020

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$28,035	Nursing Assistants \$30,933	Registered Nurses \$68,952	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$52,103
Retail Salespersons \$27,105	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$46,278	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$58,679	Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric NA
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$41,484	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$35,447	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and \$60,317	Financial Managers \$99,935
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$45,441	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and Health Technologists and \$41,022	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$62,577	Civil Engineers \$86,311
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$28,667	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$47,376	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers \$78,847	General and Operations Managers \$74,397
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$28,887	Medical Assistants \$39,512	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$56,251	Physician Assistants \$117,551
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$33,694	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$49,897	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$62,640	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$55,202
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, \$39,529	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$34,822	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$50,238	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$54,152
Stockers and Order Fillers \$28,316	Electricians \$58,008	Mechanical Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$45,140	Electrical Engineers \$87,297
Office Clerks, General \$35,222	Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers \$62,213	Physical Therapist Assistants \$51,326	Construction Managers \$87,171

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

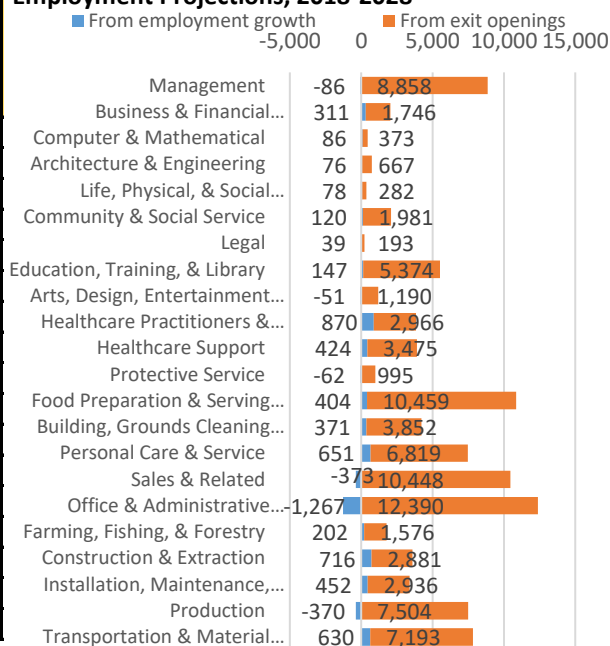
Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 0.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>206,422</b>	<b>209,790</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,776	6,171	6.8%
Utilities	744	697	-6.3%
Construction	7,858	8,687	10.5%
Manufacturing	31,188	31,071	-0.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,530	7,993	-6.3%
Retail Trade	19,926	19,533	-2.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,465	7,898	5.8%
Information	2,549	2,364	-7.3%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,693	7,584	-1.4%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,663	6,191	9.3%
Administrative & Waste Services	4,076	4,874	19.6%
Educational Services	17,510	17,483	-0.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	30,568	32,922	7.7%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,593	14,825	1.6%
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	7,423	7,058	-4.9%
Public Administration	12,956	12,681	-2.1%

Source: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028



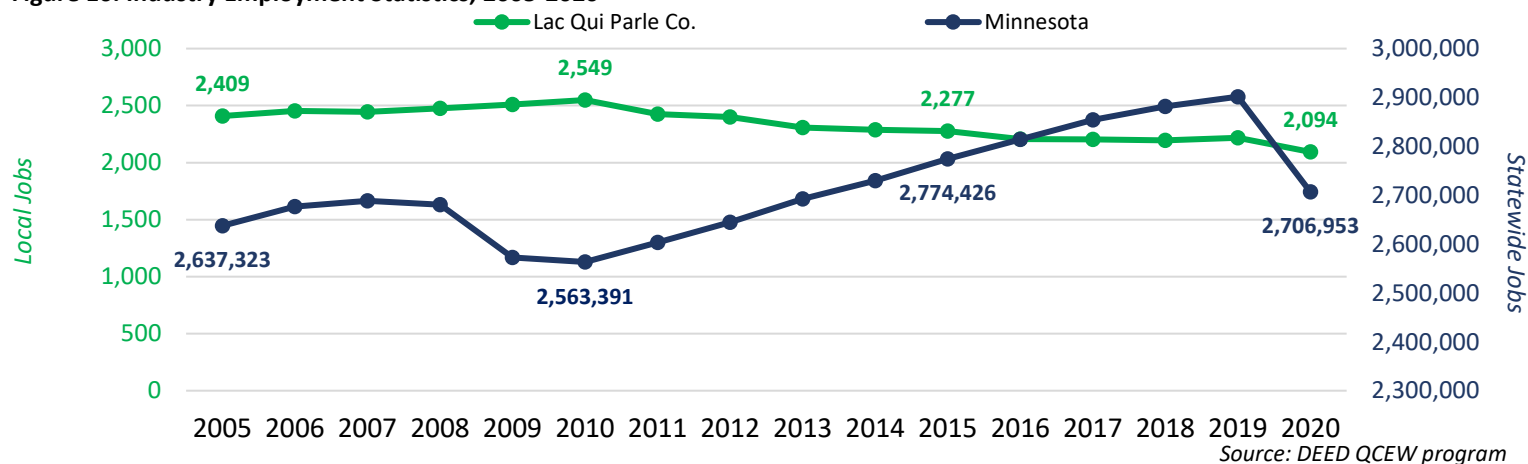
Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 77th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. was the 47th fastest growing in the past year and the 64th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Lac Qui Parle Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state.

**\$39,989** | annual average wage

**\$83,737,887** | total industry payroll

Job change, 2015-2020	-183 jobs -8.0% decline
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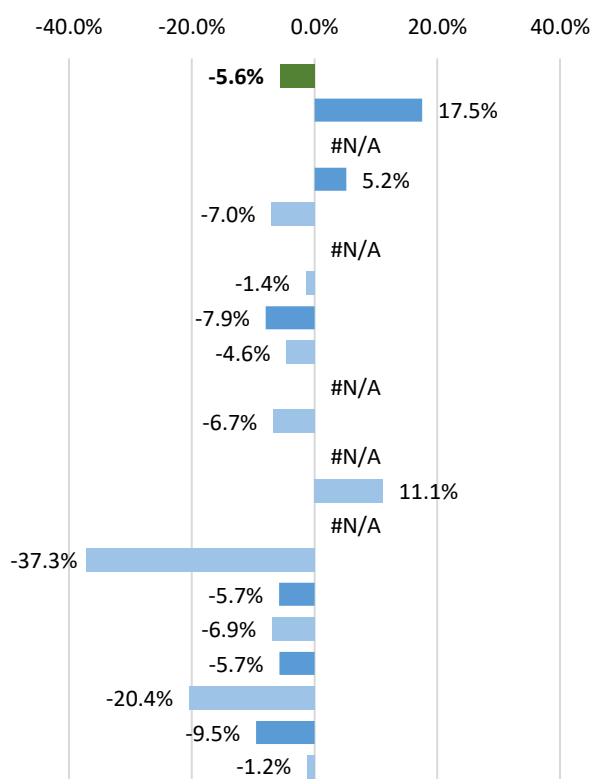
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Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Lac Qui Parle Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2020	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>2,094</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$39,989</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	67	3.2%	\$38,321
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	122	5.8%	\$45,711
Manufacturing	137	6.5%	\$46,395
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	209	10.0%	\$44,789
Retail Trade	209	10.0%	\$27,503
Transportation & Warehousing	104	5.0%	\$43,204
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	97	4.6%	\$67,140
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	10	0.5%	\$17,789
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	32	1.5%	\$25,690
Educational Services	312	14.9%	\$40,930
Health Care & Social Assistance	445	21.3%	\$42,624
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	17	0.8%	\$6,041
Accommodation & Food Services	74	3.5%	\$5,526
Other Services	57	2.7%	\$17,243
Public Administration	166	7.9%	\$36,571

**Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020**



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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